

## Jazz Blends with Timbers in a 'Camp Town' Concert

Imagine a mountain's vast sky... blue sky and bluer water... ancient pines dwarfing all beneath them.

Fearless chipmunks scurrying about the camp in defiance of man...

The quiet air; the quiet murmur of sighing wind in the branches; the quiet, small man-noises from the rustic cabins...

And then, suddenly, the "Saints Come Marching In," over near the woodpile, from the hottest little jazz combo the other side of Torrance, as three talented young campers practice their arrangements in preparation for this night's Firelight Talent Show.

### Talents Combine

It was here, at Camp Clatawa, the Torrance recreation department's idyllic site near Big Bear, that three boys from Torrance met last year and found that their talents on trombone, clarinet, and guitar blended to produce unique music, and thus unique, entertainment, also, for campers and recreation staff.

This season's camping session, from Aug. 17 to 24, brought them together again, and now they are forming plans for continuing

## AREA POOLS LIST SCHEDULES FOR WINTER SWIMS

South Bay High School District pools operated by the county department of parks and recreation conclude summer swimming schedules and begin winter schedules Sept. 8, reports Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

"Learn to Swim" instruction will be offered Saturdays at Redondo, Mira Costa and Aviation High Schools, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Winter schedules: Redondo High School Pool, 631 Vincent Park, Fridays, 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays (instruction), 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and recreational swimming, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

Mira Costa High School pool at 701 South Peck Ave., Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. (same week-end schedule).

Aviation High School pool, 2025 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. (same week-end schedule).

their joint musical efforts in future years.

The combination consists of Bruce Richardson, John Gall, and Fred Feldon. Bruce, the trombonist, is 14 years old, and will be a freshman at South High. John Gall, expert on both piano and clarinet, has given many recitals. He is 14 and will also be a freshman at South. Both Bruce and John plan to join the South High band.

Fred Feldon, who has been playing the guitar for five years, has given many

recitals on this instrument, and is also accomplished on the ukelele. He wants to learn to play the banjo as well. Fred will be a sophomore at Torrance High.

**Inhibitions Weaken**  
But these three, out of some ninety-five campers, while more accomplished than most, were not the only talent uncovered during the week-long session. There seems to be something about the setting, the staff, the program—or perhaps simply the unity which develops between these and the com-

munity of children who participate—but here the inhibitions weaken, shyness is cleverly overcome, and latent talents emerge in a happy combination of give-and-take living which will remain unsurpassed among childhood experiences.

Bruce, John, and Fred will be too old for Camp Clatawa next year, but they will be remembered a long time as having provided some of the fun which contributed to this summer's camp program's total success.

## Reserve Courses for Officers Told

San Pedro area reserve officers in all branches of the armed services are eligible to enroll this fall in one of 23 different courses to be offered by Naval Reserve Officer School 11-4 which presents classes at the San Pedro Naval Reserve Training Center on Terminal Island and at Long Beach State College. Classes begin Thursday evening at 7:30 on Sept. 12.

"Although the graduate level classes are conducted primarily for Naval, Marine and Coast Guard officers, each year an increasingly large number of Air Force and Army officers sign up for the courses," according to Capt. Harry Frishman, USNR, commanding officer.

Retirement and promotion points will be given for each course. Officer students attend two hour sessions once each week in civilian clothes throughout the school year. Advance enrollment may be requested by mail addressed to Naval Reserve Training Center 11-4, Long Beach State College, Long Beach, California or call GE 9-6015.

Little money... no job... knowing no one here... She chose Philadelphia as her destination, since she knew that many German girls came to that city, indenturing themselves to an American family in return for passage and salary, for which the girls for a contracted period of time would give their services in household work.

**Here First, Then Job!**  
But Barbel wanted to choose her job after she got here. And that is what she did. She was soon hired by a Philadelphia physician's family for housework in return for her room, board, and salary.

After working for the family for several months, Barbel decided that she wanted to attend Temple University. She enrolled for two courses, in English and in American history. Her work load with the family was cut down, accordingly, as was her salary.

She attended Temple for a semester, where she received a B in English, but "did not do well in the history," and then she felt it was time to move on.

She decided to go to Texas—to Wichita Falls. No, not because she knew someone there, but simply because she thought she ought to see some of Texas!



**TWENTY-YEAR MEN** — Three Torrance residents were honored for 20 years of employment with the Garrett Corp. AirResearch Manufacturing Division. Harry Wetzell, corporation president, presented the Garrett diamond pin to, from left, Howard E. Rollins, 5343 Reese Rd., chief of quality control; William J. Shannon, 21400 S. Harvard Blvd., stock clerk leadman, and M. D. Snowberger, 22516 Normandie, bellows calibrator.

## TORRANCE'S JACK EWELL IN VAN OF ELIMINATOR FIELD

Torrance driver Jack Ewell and San Pedro's Tom Taros ran in the money at Lions Drag Strip last weekend. Ewell, driving the AA fuel dragster owned by Meldonado, Stecker and Zapanovich, ran in the top fuel eliminator runs. Taros, driving the record-breaking Ike Iacono D dragsters, took No.

3 eliminator honors. Top speed for Iacono's machine was 129.12 mph in 10.66 seconds for the quarter-mile run.

Both cars will be back for competition this Saturday night when top money of \$1,000 will be awarded the top fuel eliminator. Another \$1,000 will be awarded to any car that breaks into the

7-second bracket. The Masters & Richter machine from the San Francisco area has posted an 8.01 seconds run. Qualifying starts at noon this Saturday with eliminations at 6:30 p.m. There will be no Sunday racing because of the holiday. The strip is located on 223rd Street between Santa Fe and Alameda.

## Recreation Review

By BEV BOSAK

Not many people are aware that the recreation department this summer has been running its own exchange program—and even though this came about by would have to call it.

The "student" in question is one Barbel Burmester, 20 years old, from the Hamburg locale in northern Germany. Barbel has been working as a student leader in the recreation department's camp program for the past several weeks, and how this happened is quite a story.

About a year and a half ago Barbel graduated from a "gymnasium," an academic prep school which encompasses, in our terms, from the fifth through the 14th grades. She decided that before going on to the university, where she would major in education or "politics," she wanted to see the United States. So, with money advanced by her mother, Barbel came.

And, several phone calls, some letters, and a long bus ride later, that is how it all came about.

When asked whether her country has anything like our city recreation programs Barbel replied that she thought not—that most recreation activities are carried on by private groups in the cities, and not as a community service.

And to the inevitable question about her impressions of America, Barbel replied with a hesitant smile—there were too many, she explained, ever to tell in one interview. But, she added, there were some things which she might never tell the "folks back home"—things which they would never believe...

**'Home' Seemed Here**  
At Camp Clatawa, site of the department's summer mountain camp, one night around the campfire, during the week before she left us, the skits and the fun and some quiet good-night songs Barbel rose in the fire-circle and told a little of how she felt. She faced the 95 young campers and their counselors, and then she turned and gazed at the lake and the twilight sky. She lifted her arm, circling it to encompass trees, sky, and

water, and she began in a quiet voice to tell of how it reminded her of home... And she went on to tell how far away "home" was, yet how it seemed to her that it was right there, at that moment. Then she reminded us all that it was the people, people having the same thoughts everywhere, that made this so—and that we should never forget that...

**Private in Europe**  
Barbel recalled that living in the dormitory at Midwestern was one of the most pleasant experiences she had had there.

It was at Midwestern that she met Mrs. Sandy Palm, sister of Don Ahern, a member of the recreation department's camp staff. When Mrs. Palm learned that Barbel intended next to visit California, she suggested that perhaps a job might be found for her in the Torrance recreation ranks.

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We are like—for, hackneyed though the sentiment may be, our children DO represent the good in us, along with the bad—and, more than anything else, our Hope.

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